GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2633
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EXISTENCE OF SAMBHAR SALT LAKE IN DANGER
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existence of salt Sambhar lake of Rajasthan is in danger due to encroachment in the course of rivers leading to this lake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ground water level of this area is continuously decreasing as the private companies are producing salt by drawing water from the depth of this lake;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check it;

(e) whether the lake is losing its natural form due to improper exploration and the salt industry is facing closure; and

(f) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. 1035 acres of land has been reported as under encroachment.

(d) to (f): The Company has approached the local administration and higher authorities of the State Government for removal of encroachments from the leased land.